GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL SEEDS GRID
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Seeds Grid to ensure supply of seeds to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): At present, there is no proposal for setting up a National Seeds Grid.However, under a Central Sector Scheme for `Establishment & Maintenance of SeedBank`, there is a provision for setting up a Data Bank and Information System foreffective utilization of seeds from the Seed Bank during emergent situations, which will function in effect as a `seeds grid`.